GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing any financial assistance towards reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD oil supplied to merchanised fishing vessels under the Centrally sponsored scheme `Development of Marine Fisheries`;

(b) if so, whether his ministry has sanctioned only 168 lakh rupees to Government of Maharashtra under the scheme during 2001-02;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether the State Government Association of fishermen and public representatives have submitted respresentations/requesting to sanctioned at least 4 crores for the above purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A sum of Rs.168 lakhs was sanctioned and released towards reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD oil supplied to mechanised fishing vessels below 20 metre length under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes `Development of Marine Fisheries during 2001-02.

(c),(d)&(e): No, Sir. However a proposal to release Rs.288 lakhs towards the cost of reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD oil under the scheme was received from Government of Maharashtra during 2001-02. But, the demand from the State Government was to be proportionately limited to Rs.168 lakhs considering the demands from other States and the overall Central allocation made under the scheme during 2001-02.